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* 358 Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) 1959-ல் சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திற்கு கிடைத்த இரும்பு, எஃகு கோட்டா எவ்வளவு?

(ஆ) அதை டிபார்ட்மெண்ட் வாரியாக விநியோகித்த அளவு என்ன? தனி நபர்களுக்கு விநியோகித்த அளவென்ன?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) The total quantity of Iron and Steel materials allotted to the Madras State during the four quarters of 1958-59 and for the first quarter of 1959-60 under the various quota-heads is thirty-seven thousand six hundred and fifty-five (37,655) tons.

(b) The entire quantity of five thousand eight hundred and forty-seven tons (5,847) under the Government Development Schemes quota was allotted to the Government Departments. A quantity of five thousand one hundred and twenty-eight tons (5,128) was allotted to the members of the public from the Non-Agricultural quota. The rest of the quantities was distributed to the Small-Scale Industries, Steel Processing Industries and for agricultural purposes.

SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : ஐயாயிரம், பத்தாயிரம் போட்டு வீடு கட்டுபவர்களுக்கு இரும்பு கிடைப்பதில்லை. ஆனால் ஐம்பதினாயிரம், ஒரு லட்சம் என்று போட்டு கட்டுகிறவர்களுக்கு ஏராளமாக இரும்பு கிடைக்கிறது. தியேட்டர் கட்டுகிறவர்களுக்கு, பெரும் பணக்காரர்களுக்கு ஏராளமாகக் கிடைக்கிறது. அதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : அவர்கள் அதிகமாகப் பளாக் மார்க்கட்டில் பணம் கொடுத்து வாங்குவதன் காரணமாகத் தான்.

Government Transport Buses.

* 359 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is enough of stock of spare parts required for the Government Transport buses; and

(b) wherefrom they are purchased periodically?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Yes, Sir, excepting the items which have to be imported.

(b) Spare parts for Perkins engines, Ford and Chevrolet vehicles are purchased after inviting open tenders. Those for Leyland and Mercedes Bens vehicles are obtained through Messrs. Leyland Limited and Messrs. Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company, respectively after providing them with necessary actual users' Import Licences obtained by the Madras State Transport Department from the Import Trade Control authorities.

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is it a fact that minor spare parts which are required for day-to-day use are purchased from local dealers without even inviting tenders? What prevents this Government from having them imported from foreign countries, which will mean lesser cost to the Government?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : As regards the first part, I wish we could do it. In fact we would save wastage of our vehicles. But under the rules, we have got to call for limited tenders, and therefore even repairs to vehicles are being greatly delayed. So far as the second part of the question is concerned, already we have applied for import licences for Rs. 3.3 lakhs worth of spare parts from the Government of India.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY : Sir, I rise to a point of order. This is a question on which the hon. Members have interest and have a right to put supplementaries. Otherwise, except those who have given notice of the question, the other Members are reduced to mere listeners instead of being active participants.

MR. SPEAKER : In the very beginning to-day, I put this procedure to the House and the House approved it. So, I have been giving the chance of putting two supplementaries to the hon. Member who has put the question. The hon. Member Sri T. S. Ramaswamy did not raise any objection in the beginning when I sought the approval of the House for this procedure. The only hon. Member who raised an objection was Sri V. K. Kothandaraman and I answered him. Inasmuch as the hon. Member Sri Ramaswamy did not raise any objection at that time it only meant that he had agreed to the procedure. How can the hon. Member raise the question now?

Atomic Minerals

* 360 Q.—**SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI** (on behalf of **SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM**) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) how many parties of the Atomic Energy Commission, Bangalore, are working in our State in search of Atomic minerals?

(b) what are the places where successful drilling operations are being carried out; and

(c) what is the progress, if any, so far made at Kulampatti village, Sankaridrug taluk, Salem district?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) At present 3 parties of the Atomic Energy Commission are engaged in the search for Atomic Energy Minerals in Salem, Coimbatore, Kanyakumari, Nilgiris and Madurai districts of this State.

(b) & (c) Exploratory drilling has recently been started only in Kullampatti area, Sankaridrug taluk, Salem district.